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SUBJECT: CANADA MAY INCREASE HOLDINGS OF DM

- 1. GOC ANNOUNCED 1.5 BILLION DM BORROWING APRIL 27 (SEE SEPTEL).
- 2. NORMAL CANADIAN POLICY IS TO HOLD NEARLY ALL OF WORKING FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES IN U.S. DOLLARS.
- 3. ACCORDING TO FINANCE DEPARTMENT SOURCE, GOC INTENDS TO INCREASE SOMEWHAT ITS HOLDINGS OF DM. FINANCE OFFICIAL STATES FRG LAW REQUIRES THAT DM ISSUE BE CONVERTED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES FORTHWITH. NORMALLY, ALL OF PROCEEDS OF DM ISSUE WOULD BE CONVERTED INTO U.S. DOLLARS UPON RECEIPT AND KEPT IN U.S. TREASURY SECURITIES WITH NEW YORK FEDERAL RESERVE UNTIL NEEDED. HOWEVER, OFFICIAL SAID GOC PLANS TO USE PART OF PROCEEDS OF DM ISSUE TO INCREASE HOLDINGS OF DM. MODALITIES (SUCH AS WHEN OR WHERE CONVERSIONS OR RECONVERSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE, OR WHERE AND IN WHAT FORM FUNDS WILL BE HELD) HAVE NOT YET BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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